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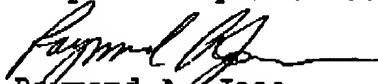
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find transmitted herewith an AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, along with a Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time, for filing in the above-identified application.

Respectfully Submitted,


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment And Response To Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed August 15, 2006, wherein the Examiner rejected Claim 12 for formal reasons, and

further wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 and 12 in view of a prior art reference.

Based upon the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: